

FEBRUARY 8, 1816.

Read twice, and committed to a committee of the whole House on the Report of the Committee of Ways and Means upon the subject of Revenue.

A Bill

To reduce the amount of Direct Tax upon the United States and the District of Columbia, for the Year 1816; and to repeal in part the Act entitled "An act to provide additional Revenue for defraying the expenses of Government, and maintaining the public Credit, by laying a Direct Tax upon the United States, and to provide for assessing and collecting the same;" and also the Act entitled "An act to provide additional Revenue for defraying the expenses of Government, and maintaining the public credit by laying a Direct Tax upon the District of Columbia."

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That*
3 so much of the act entitled "An act to provide additional re-
4 venues for defraying the expenses of government and main-
5 taining the public credit, by laying a direct tax upon the Unit-
6 ed States, and to provide for assessing and collecting the same,"
7 passed on the ninth of January, one thousand eight hundred and
8 fifteen, as lays a direct tax of six millions of dollars for the year

9 one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, and for succeeding
10 years be, and the same is hereby repealed.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That a direct tax of three
2 millions of dollars be, and the same is hereby laid upon
3 the United States, for the year one thousand eight hun-
4 dred and sixteen, and apportioned to the States respectively in
5 the manner and according to the sums prescribed by the first
6 section of an act, entitled "An act to lay and collect a direct
7 tax within the United States," and all the provisions of the act,
8 entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying
9 the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit,
10 by laying a direct tax upon the United States, and to provide
11 for assessing and collecting the same," passed on the ninth of
12 January, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, except so
13 far as the same have been varied by subsequent acts, and ex-
14 cepting the first section of the said act, shall be held to apply to
15 the assessment and collection of the direct tax of three millions
16 of dollars hereby laid upon the United States.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That so much of the
2 Act entitled "An Act to provide additional revenue for de-
3 fraying the expenses of government and maintaining the pub-
4 lic credit, by laying a Direct Tax upon the District of Colum-
5 bia," passed the twenty-seventh day of February, in the year
6 one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, as lays a Direct Tax

7 of nineteen thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight dollars,
8 and forty cents, upon the said District for the year one thousand
9 eight hundred and sixteen, and for succeeding years, be, and
10 the same is hereby repealed.

1 SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That a Direct Tax of
2 nine thousand nine hundred and ninety-nine dollars, and twen-
3 ty cents, be, and the same is hereby laid upon the District
4 of Columbia, for the year one thousand eight hundred and
5 sixteen, and all the provisions of the Act entitled "An act
6 to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of
7 Government and maintaining the public credit by laying a Di-
8 rect Tax upon the District of Columbia," passed on the twen-
9 ty-seventh day of February, in the year one thousand eight
10 hundred and fifteen, except so far as the same have been
11 varied by subsequent acts, shall be held to apply to the as-
12 sessment and collection of the Direct Tax which is herein be-
13 fore laid upon the said District.